



Food and Drug Administration Rockville MD 20857

May 31, 2000

Joseph A. Mertis Allegiance Healthcare Corporation 1500 Waukegan Road McGaw Park, IL 60085-6787

Dear Mr. Mertis:

Your petition requesting the Food and Drug Administration to grant a variance with respect to the Performance Standard for Electrode Lead Wires and Patient Cables was received by this office on 05/31/00. It was assigned docket number 00P-1320/CP 1 and it was filed on 05/31/00. Please refer to this docket number in future correspondence on this subject with the Agency.

Please note that the acceptance of the petition for filing is a procedural matter in that it in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

Sincerely,

Lyle D. Jake

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